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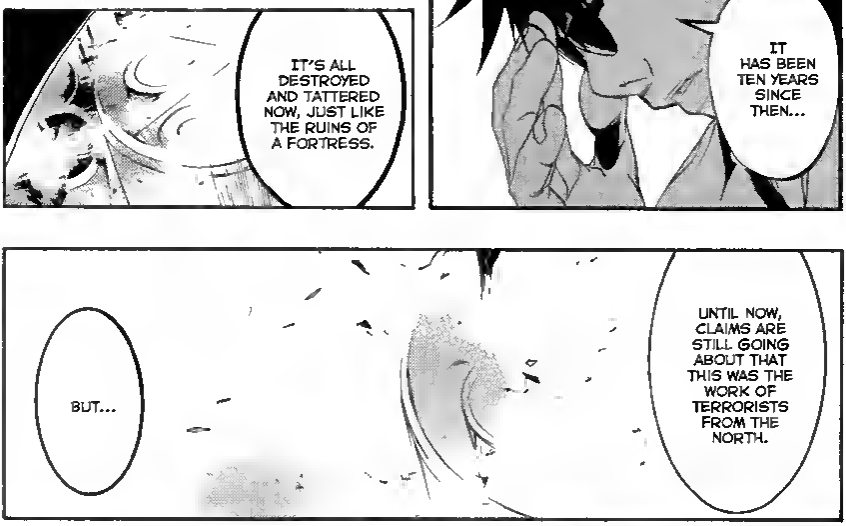
TO THINK
THERE ARE STILL PEOPLE ACTUALLY LIVING HERE...


IT'S ALL DESTROYED AND TATTERED NOW, JUST LIKE THE RUINS OF A FORTRESS.
IT HAS BEEN TEN YEARS SINCE THEN...
BUT...
UNTIL NOW, CLAIMS ARE STILL GOING ABOUT THAT THIS WAS THE WORK OF TERRORISTS FROM THE NORTH.

EITHER WAY, IT WOULD SEEM THAT THE GOVERNMENT IS INTENDING TO TAKE THE TRUTH TO THE GRAVE.
IRONICALLY ENOUGH.

IT'S STILL OFFICIALLY RECORDED AS AN ACCIDENT DUE TO AN ERROR IN THE PROGRAM.
AT THE SAME TIME, HUH...

IT'S BY FIGHTING AGAINST RADIATION POLLUTION
THAT WE BECAME KNOWN AS A MEDICAL COUNTRY.
I DO!!!

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COME IN.
INSPECTOR TAKANO,
HAVE YOU SEEN THE NEWS?
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YEAH.
I COULDN'T HELP BUT WATCH IT.

GENERAL OBODO DIE
THE LEADER OF THE ANTI-GOVERNMENT GROUP IN SOUTH NIGER, HAS DIED.
I REPEAT.
IT IS CONFIRMED THAT GENERAL OBODO,

ACCORDING TO THE ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE.
THE CAUSE OF DEATH
JUST AS PREVIOUSLY SPECULATED.
THE SECOND OUTBREAK OF THE EBOLA HEMORRHAGIC FEVER

WOULD THIS HAVE ANY EFFECT ON OUR INVESTI-GATION?
EVEN VIRUSES ARE SMILING UPON AMERICA.
WHAT A CONVENIENT DEATH.
DON'T BE SILLY.
IT WASN'T THE KIND OF CASE THAT COULD BE HELD UNDER THE JURIS-DICTION OF THE POLICE INTERNAL AFFAIRS TO BEGIN WITH
...DON'T FORGET THE LAST BOSS FOR OUR TEAM IS STILL THE PALACE
JUST HOW FAR WILL YOU OBEY THAT DECISION?

I'LL OBEY, EVEN IF...
THE MISSION SHOULD GO "UNDER".
IT'S BELIEVED THAT AFTER HAVING LOST THEIR LEADER, OBODO'S ANTI-GOVERNMENT GUERILLA GROUP HAS WEAKENED
EVERYONE'S FOCUS IS NOW ON HOW THE FIRST MECHANIZED PLATOON OF THE AMERICAN ARMY STATIONED ON THE SITE WILL RESPOND TO THIS SITUATION.

NOW THEN,
MOVING ON TO AN INTERVIEW WITH THE PRESIDENT AT THE WHITE HOUSE...
I'M PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE THAT WE HAVE MANAGED TO CONTROL THE SITUATION WITHOUT RESORTING TO ANY LARGE SCALE VIOLENCE.
THIS FEAT HAS PROVEN ITSELF ONCE AGAIN AS ANOTHER VICTORY FOR DEMOCRACY.

AND LASTLY.
TO THE AFFILIATED COUNTRIES WHO HAVE SUPPORTED US UNTIL TODAY...

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IT'S BEEPING LIKE CRAZY BECAUSE OF THE RADIA-TION.
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EYEBALL, YOU THERE?
THAT BASTARD.
GONE AGAIN?

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BEEP

THAT SURE WAS POLITE OF YOU.
YOU JUST HAD TO CLEAN ME INSIDE OUT, HUH.
HOW RARE. YOU ACTUALLY WENT INSIDE.
NORMALLY, YOU WOULD COME ALL THE WAY TO THE DOOR AND THEN LEAVE WITHOUT A WORD.

I CAN'T STAND THAT "SHOWER" OF YOURS.
IT MAKES ME FEEL AS IF I'M SOME SORT OF FILTH.
THESE DAYS, THAT IS PRETTY COMMON.
SINCE EVERYONE GETS ALL WORKED UP OVER SOME-THING LIKE RADIATION POLLUTION.
IT CAN'T BE HELPED.
THE DOCTORS, EH?
IF YOU DON'T OBEY THE RULES,
THE DOCTORS WILL GET ON YOUR CASE.
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IT LOOKS LIKE I'LL BE ABLE TO GET THAT BOOK YOU REQUESTED BY TONIGHT.
SO WHAT IS IT THAT YOU'RE AFTER?
YURI,
DO YOU KNOW EYEBALL'S NEW ADDRESS?
THAT BASTARD MOVED AGAIN WITHOUT TELLING ME ANYTHING.
HIS OLD PLACE IS COMPLETELY EMPTY.
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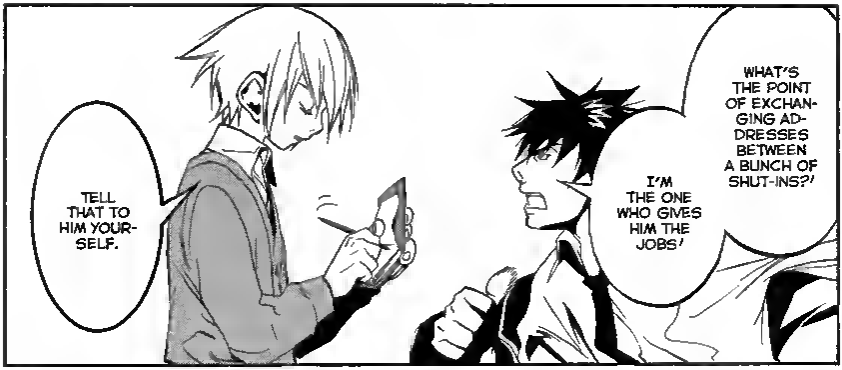
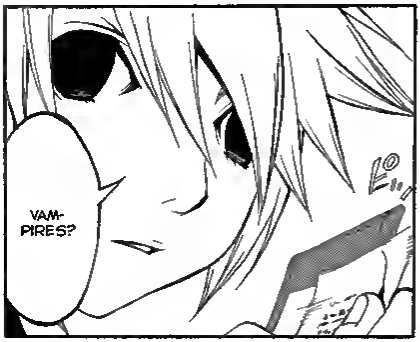
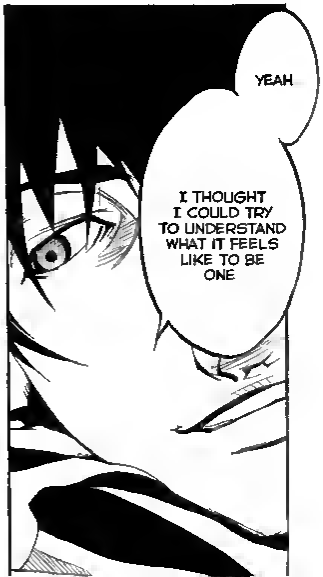
HE ALWAYS COMES TO INFORM ME BEFOREHAND...


WHAT'S THE POINT OF EXCHANGING ADDRESSES BETWEEN A BUNCH OF SHUT-INS?!
I'M THE ONE WHO GIVES HIM THE JOBS!
TELL THAT TO HIM YOURSELF.


VAMPIRES?

AND...
I'M LOOKING FOR A BOOK ON VAMPIRES.

IF THAT'S THE CASE,
I THINK I MAY BE ABLE TO EMPATHIZE A BIT.


YEAH
I THOUGHT I COULD TRY TO UNDERSTAND WHAT IT FEELS LIKE TO BE ONE

SORRY
I DIDN'T MEAN IT THAT WAY.
BECAUSE I, TOO, WILL DISAPPEAR IF EXPOSED TO SUNLIGHT.
BUT,
LOOK!
YURI!
AH,

THAT SURE IS NICE

"BUT YOU HAVE A RIGHT TO
THE OLD MAN THOUGHT
"YOU ARE KILLING ME, FISH"

HAVE I SEEN
NEVER

IS DOING THAT OKAY?
ALL OF THE HARMFUL RAYS HAVE BEEN FILTERED OUT

A GREATER,
OR MORE BEAUTIFUL,
OR A CALMER,
OR MORE NOBLE THING THAN YOU,
BROTHER"
"THE OLD AND THE SEA"
..

"COME ON AND KILL ME.
I DO NOT CARE WHO KILLS WHO."
HE THOUGHT,
"NOW YOU ARE GETTING CONFUSED IN THE HEAD.
YOU MUST KEEP YOUR HEAD CLEAR.
KEEP YOUR HEAD CLEAR AND KNOW HOW TO SUFFER LIKE A MAN."
GIVE IN TO THE SUFFER-ING...
YOU SAY?

"Clear up, Head."
He said in a voice he could hardly hear.
"Clear up..."

WHAT IS THE MEANING OF THIS?!
DOES THIS HOSPITAL THROW PEOPLE OUT JUST FROM A GLANCE OF ONE'S SECURITY NUMBER INITIALS?!
MY APOLOGIES. HOWEVER, THIS IS THE DECISION OF THE FIVE MEDICAL COUNCIL*.
SO I'LL HAVE TO ASK YOU TO LEAVE.
EVEN IF THIS CHILD IS A L3,
THAT'S NOT A JUSTIFI-CATION TO KICK HIM OUT, IS IT?!
WHA...

*Five Medical Council: Japan's Five Largest Medical Evaluation Councils

WAIT!
YOU!!!
ARE YOU EVEN LISTENING TO WHAT I'M SAYING?!
A CARDKEY AT THIS DAY AND AGE...
BEEP

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HERE.
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TO THINK THAT WE FELL FOR IT.
A PRIMITIVE TRAP.

IT DOESN'T MATTER.
DO IT BY FORCE.

SORRY

HAVE A NEW ONE PLACED IN RIGHT AWAY.
...THIS IS A HOSPITAL.

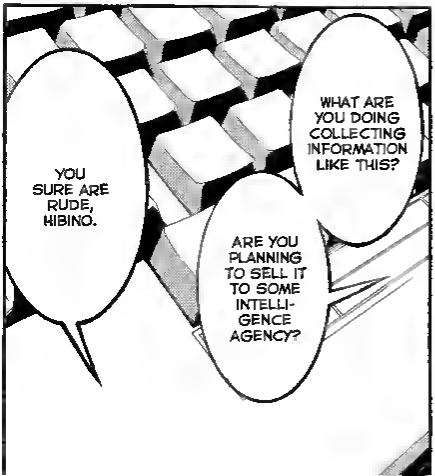
低溫注意
LONG TIME NO SEE!

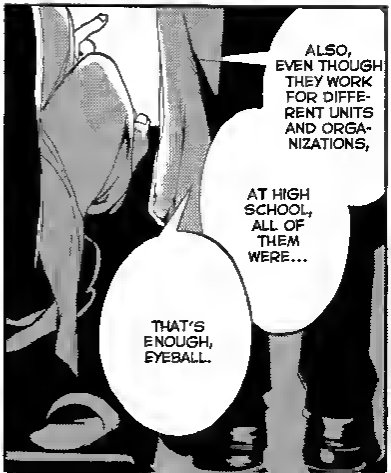
WHY DO YOU KEEP ON MOVING PLACES?
IT'S NOT LIKE YOU GO OUT OFTEN, SO WHERE YOU LIVE DOESN'T MATTER
WHAT'S UP WITH THAT REMARK, EYEBALL?
THE NUMBER OF TROUBLE SOME CUSTOM ERS HAVE BEEN INCREASING
Heh.
EVEN SO, I'M AMAZED THAT YOU CAN GET IN THE MOOD FOR MOVING.
WHEN YOU HAVE ALL THESE STUFF TO CARRY.
SARCAS- TICALLY TRYING TO REFER TO ME, HUH?

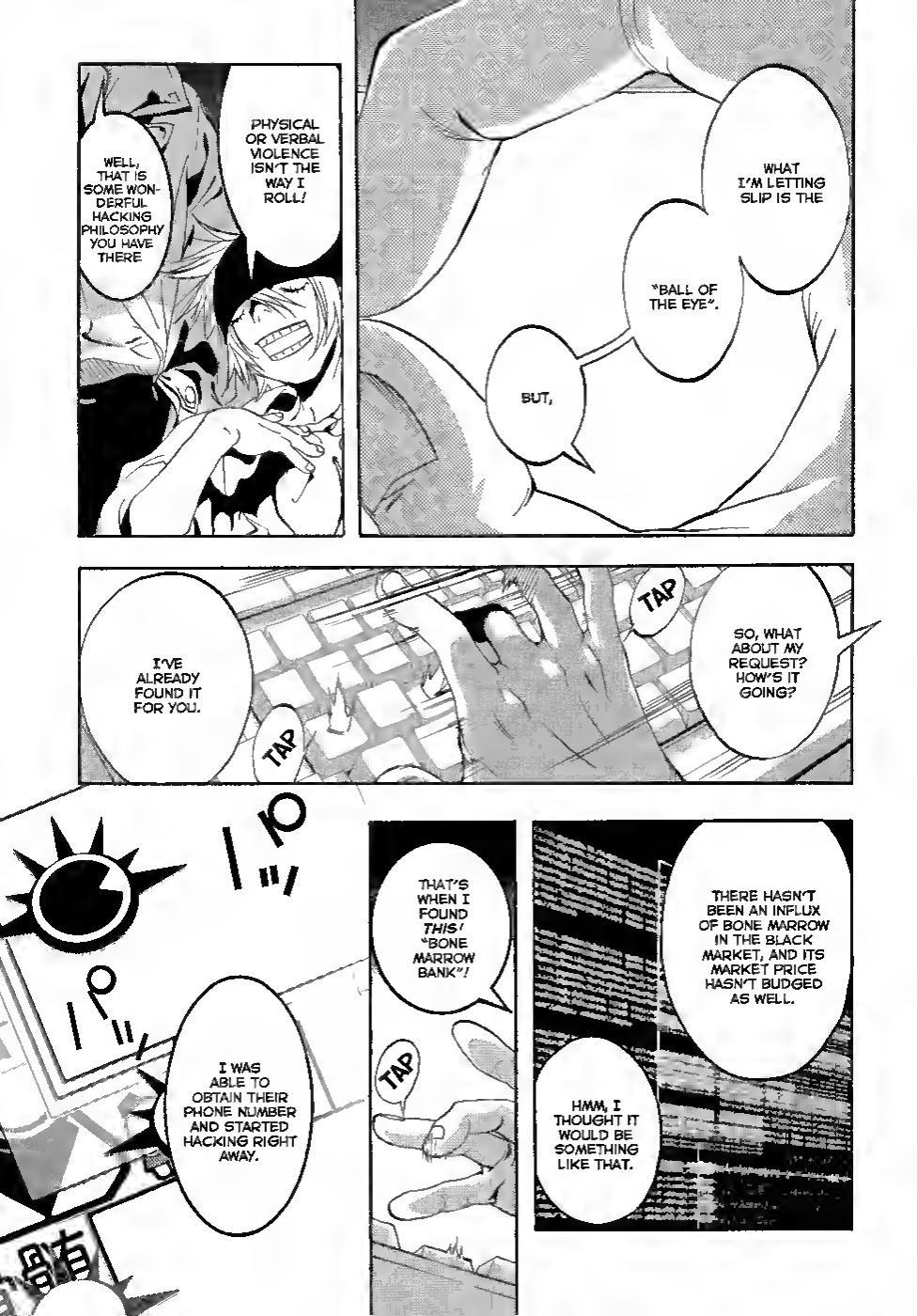
TAKE A LOOK.
THESE ARE THE BEATLES THAT I'VE GATHERED IN AMERICA.
DID YOU FIND OUT SOME-THING?
YOU CAME AT THE RIGHT TIME!
I JUST CAME ACROSS SOMETHING INTERES-TING.
AMERICA?
code name:
John Winston
BI
code name:
George Harri
code name:
Sir Jar
Paul McC
EXACTLY HOW DO THEY RESEMBLE THE BEA...
code name:
Richa
Starkey
!
YOU NOTICED?

AND THEN AT THE CIA,
BOOM! THEY GOT HIM!
AND THE FACT THAT THIS SOON-TO-BE RINGO'S REAL NAME IS RICHARD STARKEY*, THEY HIT THE BULL'S EYE!

*Richard Starkey is Ringo Starr's real name.


WHAT ARE YOU DOING COLLECTING INFORMATION LIKE THIS?
ARE YOU PLANNING TO SELL IT TO SOME INTELLI-GENCE AGENCY?
YOU SURE ARE RUDE, HIBINO.




WELL, THAT IS SOME WONDERFUL HACKING PHILOSOPHY YOU HAVE THERE
PHYSICAL OR VERBAL VIOLENCE ISN'T THE WAY I ROLL!
WHAT I'M LETTING SLIP IS THE
"BALL OF THE EYE".
BUT,
I'VE ALREADY FOUND IT FOR YOU.
TAP
TAP
SO, WHAT ABOUT MY REQUEST? HOW'S IT GOING?
I WAS ABLE TO OBTAIN THEIR PHONE NUMBER AND STARTED HACKING RIGHT AWAY.
THAT'S WHEN I FOUND *THIS*! "BONE MARROW BANK"!
TAP
THERE HASN'T BEEN AN INFLUX OF BONE MARROW IN THE BLACK MARKET, AND ITS MARKET PRICE HASN'T BUDGED AS WELL.
HMM, I THOUGHT IT WOULD BE SOMETHING LIKE THAT.

DIDN'T I TELL YOU?
THE HLA OF THE FOURTH VICTIM MATCHED THAT OF THE FIRST.
BONE MARROW BANK?
ONLY ONE IN A THOUSAND PEOPLE HAVE MATCHING HLA'S, SO IT'S PRETTY RAR
EXACTLY.
"HUMAN LEUKOCYTE ANTIGEN", RIGHT?
WHAT A PICKY VAMPIRE
THEY'RE GOING FOR VERY SPECIFIC TARGETS.
IN OTHER WORDS, OUR VAMPIRE HAS HIS OWN "TASTE".
WITH THESE THREE CLASSES OF HLA,
I'LL FIRST SEARCH THE CENTRAL DATA CENTRE OF THE BONE MARROW BANK.
WHICH MEANS THEIR TASTES ARE THESE THREE HLAS.
BINGO!
DO YOU MIND IF I TAKE A LOOK?

AND BY COMPARING THAT ID WITH THE RECEPTION CENTRE'S DATA,
THEIR ID WILL BE DISPLAYED.
IF IT MATCHES SOME-ONE'S,
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TAP
WATCH YOUR LANG-UAGE
I CAN FIGURE OUT WHO THEY ARE.
WHICH MEANS WE'LL KNOW WHAT FOOD THE VAMPIRE'S GOING FOR NEXT.
検索中...
THE BUSIER THE BLACK MARKET GETS.
IT IS, ISN'T IT? THE STRICTER THE AUTHORITIES AND ORGANI-ZATIONS TRY TO MONITOR ITS FLOW,
OF COURSE.
DEPENDING ON HOW YOU LOOK AT IT, IT CAN BE A BIT WEIRD.
TAP
HOW SO?
TAP
TAP
A DUAL STRUCTURE SYSTEM NOW, HUH...
THEY PROBABLY HAVE SOME NERVOUS ISSUES, BUT...
NO MATTER WHAT ERA YOU LIVE, THESE KIND OF MEDICAL FACILITIES ARE WORTH A LOT. IT WOULDN'T BE THE SAME IF I DIDN'T HAVE TO WORK FOR IT.

IT CAN'T BE HELPED.
...SO IT WAS A WASTE OF TIME.
THE PERPETRATOR WASN'T LOOKING FOR HIS TARGETS HERE.
I WONDER...
OH!
HERE IT IS.
No Matching IDs found.
GIVE AWAY THEIR BODY PARTS FOR FREE.
THERE'S NOBODY IN THIS DAY AND AGE WHO WOULD JUST
THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE REGISTERED TO THE BONE MARROW BANK IS SLOWLY DECREASING.
WHAT?
DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT.
IT'S NOT AS IF THERE AREN'T ANY OTHER WAYS TO FIND THEM.
THE HLA COMPATIBILITY LIST THAT'S SECRELY IN CIRCULATION...
IT'S THE WORK OF SOME IMMORAL DOCTORS WHO EARN A BIT OF EXTRA CASH.
RUMORS SAY THEY DISTRIBUTE THE RESULTS OF THEIR PATIENTS' BLOOD EXAMINATIONS BEHIND THEIR BACKS.

THAT'S NOT A BIG DEAL THEN, YOU CAN EASILY FIND IT.
APPARENTLY, THE ONES WHO PROCESS THE DATA TRADE IT ONLINE.
IT'S SO IRRESPONSIBLE.
THESE ARE DOCTORS FROM RESPECTED HOSPITALS WE ARE TALKING ABOUT.
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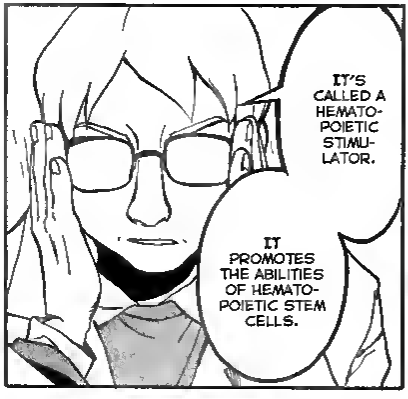
HEY...
DO YOU INTEND ON MAKING ME WAIT HERE?
WELL, YOU SEE...
HOW SHOULD I PUT THIS ...
I ONLY HEARD OF IT AS A RUMOR

EITHER WAY, I'VE GOT NO OTHER MOVES TO MAKE.
HURRY UP, I'M COUNTING ON YOU.
INSPECTOR NAGASHIMA.

SENT STRAIGHT TO THE OPERATING ROOM, HUH... LUCKY GUY.
...EVEN SO...
1
HIS ARTIFICIAL HEART WAS SHOT, SO HE'S IN THE MIDDLE OF AN OPERATION TRANSPLANTING A NEW ONE.
2
WHERE IS THE SECURITY GUARD THAT GOT ATTACKED?
...
TO BE ABLE TO PINPOINT AND SHOOT THE HEART JUST LIKE THAT...
THE KILLER MUST BE SKILLED WITH THIS...

WHAT TYPE OF DRUG WAS STOLEN?
ERYTHRO-POIETIN.

INSPECTOR, THIS IS THE PERSON IN CHARGE OF THE PHARMA-CEUTICAL ADMINISTRA-TION OFFICE.


IT'S CALLED A HEMATO-POIETIC STIMU-LATOR.
IT PROMOTES THE ABILITIES OF HEMATO-POIETIC STEM CELLS.

...
MIGHT YOU HAVE A SIMPLER TERM FOR THAT?

KEEP OUT
KEEP OUT
HEMATO-POIETIC?
I WONDER WHAT THEY WOULD USE IT FOR.
AFTER A BONE MARROW TRANS-PLANT,
THEY INJECT IT INTO THE PATIENT.

A BONE MARROW TRANSPLANT, HUH...
YES. WE INJECT HEMATOPOIETIC STEM CELLS EXTRACTED FROM THE BONE MARROW INTO THE BLOOD-STREAM.
THIS IS WHAT YOU WOULD CALL A BONE MARROW TRANSPLANT.
ERYTHROPOIETIN...
IS USED TO HELP THESE CELLS START MAKING BLOOD.
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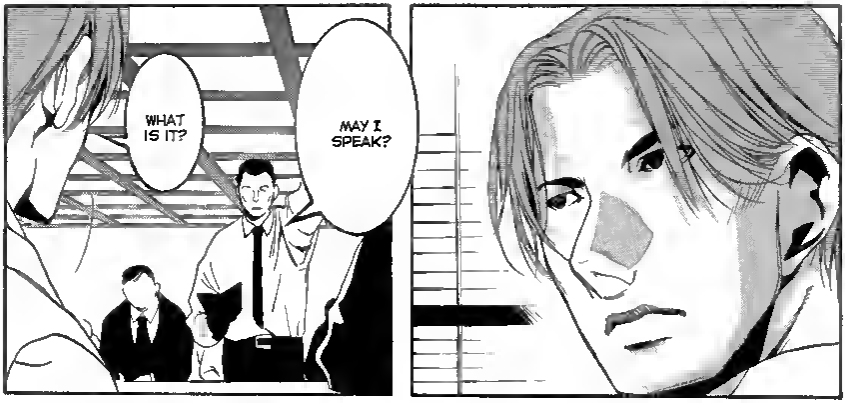
SO BONE MARROW ...
...WAS JUST A SIDE DISH...

...AND THAT IS THE LIST OF PEOPLE SUSPECTED TO BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE ATTEMPTED ATTACK ON COLONEL YOMO.
ALL MEMBERS OF THE POLITICAL BODY PRIMARILY RESPONSIBLE FOR HOLDING THE PROTEST AGAINST THE TROOP DISPATCHMENT TO SOUTH NIGER.
WELL?
HAVE YOU DETERMINED A SUSPECT?
OH, UH... NO. NOT YET.
CONTINUE THE SURVEILLANCE AND BACKGROUND CHECKS.
THAT'S ENOUGH.


WHAT IS IT?
MAY I SPEAK?

PLEASE SHOW THE PICTURES.
I WAS ABLE TO FIND THIS CERTAIN GROUP OF JAPANESE PEOPLE.
BECAUSE OF CONCERNS THAT THIS MAY BE THE WORK OF INTERNATIONAL TERRORISTS, I DECIDED TO SECRETLY CHECK THE ROSTER OF PEOPLE WHO HAVE ENTERED THE COUNTRY.

SOUTH NIGER'S NPO, YOU SAY?!
NPO
THEY ALL BELONG TO THE NPO ORGANIZATION IN SOUTH NIGER.

WELL, I TRIED IT OUT WITH OUR DATABANK, BUT...
I WAS REFUSED ACCESS.
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REFUSED ACCESS?!
IS THAT KIND OF THING POSSIBLE?
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YES.
UP UNTIL RECENTLY THEY HAVE BEEN ACTIVE IN SOUTH NIGER
BUT THREE DAYS BEFORE THE INCIDENT, THEY RETURNED TO JAPAN.
WE'VE BEEN UNABLE TO TRACK THEIR WHEREABOUTS AFTERWARDS. WE'VE MANAGED TO FIGURE OUT THAT THE PASSPORTS THEY USED WERE FAKE
A FAKE IN THIS DAY AND AGE?
DIGITAL ANALYSIS OF FACIAL PHOTOS IS—

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COLONEL!

GOOD WORK.
CO... COLONEL YOMO, IT'S AN HONOR!
THIS MEETING IS ADJOURNED.
YOU ARE ALL DISMISSED.

NO.
COLONEL PLEASE TAKE A SEAT.
I'M FINE LIKE THIS.
TO HAVE DISCOVERED THIS MUCH IN A SHORT AMOUNT OF TIME...
AS EXPECTED OF OUR COUNTRY'S PROUD POLICE DEPARTMENT PUBLIC SAFETY BUREAU.
FIRST OF ALL I'D LIKE TO APOLOGIZE TO YOU ALL FOR OUR UNCOOPERATIVE STANCE TOWARDS THE INITIAL INVESTIGATION.
THOUGH I'M SURE YOU'RE ALREADY AWARE
THAT THE SITUATION WE FACE AT THE MOMENT IS EXTREMELY DELICATE.

UNLIKE THE PREVIOUS TRIVIAL CASES,
I BELIEVE THIS ONE NEEDS TO BE DEALT WITH BY OUR SELF-DEFENSE ALONE.
THERE WILL BE NO CHANGE TO THIS POLICY.
BUT WHAT I CAN SAY IS...
FOR THE MILITARY... NO. FOR THIS COUNTRY THESE MEN
COULD BECOME EITHER OUR POISON.. OR OUR MEDICINE

...NOT ALL SHIPS
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ALLOWED TO RETURN TO PORT...
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IT PUTS OFF MY RHYTHM.
WHEN A STRANGE CHORUS COMES IN LIKE THAT.
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